



Credential Program Completer Survey Questions

Other Educator

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) seeks feedback about your experience in your educator preparation program, including your thoughts about the admission process, coursework, faculty, field experience(s), advising, and overall professional preparation.

Your input, along with input from other program completers, will help the Commission on Teacher Credentialing understand the degree to which your educator preparation program and other Commission-accredited programs statewide are meeting students' needs and expectations and preparing them for the field.

This information is important for us as it helps us understand the degree to which your educator preparation program and other Commission-accredited programs throughout the state are meeting students' needs and expectations along with how well these programs are preparing educators to serve in the field. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses are entirely anonymous and confidential.

Informed Consent

Participation in this survey is voluntary but the information is very important to help improve the preparation of educators in California. The Commission will use this information within its quality review processes for accredited preparation programs.

Your decision whether or not to participate in the survey will not affect the processing of your credential application. Every measure will be taken to assure the confidentiality of your response; the Commission will not use your name or other identifying information when reporting the results.

Thank you for your time and your responses.

Admission Process

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

1a. My program had a clear admission process with explicit application instructions and procedures.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

1b. I was provided with sufficient information about the requirements to complete my program prior to enrolling in my program.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree



- ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
2. Why did you choose your particular educator preparation program? Check all that apply.
- ☐ Location
 - ☐ Reputation of the institution or organization
 - ☐ Reputation of the specific program
 - ☐ Flexibility of the course schedule
 - ☐ Opportunity to work while going to school
 - ☐ Online course offerings
 - ☐ Tuition/costs of the program
 - ☐ Advisement offered
 - ☐ Direct pathway to professional work
 - ☐ Class size
 - ☐ Opportunity for field experience, practicum, or internship
 - ☐ Program's partnership with a district(s) or school(s)
 - ☐ Quality of faculty
 - ☐ Campus or organizational culture/environment
 - ☐ Diversity of student body
 - ☐ Diversity of faculty
 - ☐ Other
3. How long is the program you completed designed to take to complete?
- ☐ 1 year or less
 - ☐ 2 years
 - ☐ 3 years
 - ☐ 4 years or more
4. Approximately how long did it take you to complete your educator preparation program?
- ☐ 1 year or less
 - ☐ 2 years
 - ☐ 3 years
 - ☐ 4 years or more
5. Which statement below best describes your current employment situation?
- ☐ I am employed in a position that is connected to what I studied in my educator preparation program.
 - ☐ I am employed in a position that is not connected to what I studied in my educator preparation program.
 - ☐ I am not employed but have received and accepted an employment offer.
 - ☐ I am not presently employed and I am actively seeking employment.
 - ☐ I am not presently employed and I am not actively seeking employment.
 - ☐ Other



Program Faculty

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

6a. My professors/instructors fostered a respectful and inclusive learning environment for all students.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

6b. My professors/instructors sought to engage and motivate students in their courses.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

6c. My professors/instructors effectively communicated course expectations, grading, and information about assignments.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

6d. My professors/instructors were knowledgeable about the subjects they were teaching.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

6e. My professors/instructors were approachable if students sought help or had questions about the course or material.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree



- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

Coursework

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

7a. My coursework was rigorous and challenging.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

7b. My coursework matched my learning goals.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

7c. I was able to seek help from my professors/instructors if I was having trouble understanding coursework content.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

7d. My coursework provided me with the knowledge and skill I need to be effective in my professional role.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable



- ☐ Unsure

7e. Required courses in my program were offered at convenient times for me.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

7f. My coursework content was up-to-date.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

7g. My coursework content was relevant to my professional work or goals.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

Fieldwork/Field Experiences

For the questions about your educator preparation program that follow, note that "field experience" is broadly defined as any sort of fieldwork, including clinical experience, a practicum, or internship.

8. Field experience was a required component of my program.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

Note: Those responding "No" to question 8 skipped questions 9 through 12.

9. I participated in fieldwork while enrolled in my educator preparation program.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

10. Which of the following describes the type of field or clinical experience(s) you had while enrolled in your program? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Student teaching
- ☐ Internship



- ☐ Clinical practice
- ☐ Residency
- ☐ Other

11. Approximately how much time did you spend (total) participating in your field experience?

- ☐ Less than 100 hours
- ☐ 100-399 hours
- ☐ 400-799 hours
- ☐ 800-1199 hours
- ☐ 1200 or more hours

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

12a. My educator preparation program was able to connect me to appropriate fieldwork experience(s) that will allow me to work more effectively in my professional role.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

12b. My field experience(s) helped me practice what I learned in my preparation program.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

12c. My field experience was relevant to my coursework.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

12d. While participating in field experience, I was observed by a faculty member, advisor, supervisor, or mentor at least once.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree



- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

12e. I wish I'd had more opportunities for field experience while enrolled in my educator preparation program.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

12f. My field experience helped prepare me to be an effective educator.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

12g. My field experience was a positive and helpful component of my preparation program.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Unsure

Professional Learning and Growth Leadership

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

13a. I was given sufficient feedback from professors/instructors about my work, assignments, exams, and projects.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree



- ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 13b. The feedback I received from my professors/instructors about my assignments, projects, exams, or other work was provided in a timely manner.
- ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 13c. The feedback I received from my professors/instructors about my assignments, projects, exams, or other work was constructive and useful.
- ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 13d. I was evaluated through formal (e.g. exams, papers) and informal (e.g. participation, collaboration) work.
- ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure

Program Guidance and Support

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

- 14a. My preparation program allowed me to develop the skills and tools I need to be effective in my professional work.
- ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable



- ☐ Unsure
- 14b. I was provided with adequate information about how to make progress and complete my program.
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 14c. My program provided sufficient access to resources to support my learning.
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 14d. My program provided the support I needed to learn effectively.
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 14e. Overall, I felt supported as a student in my program.
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure
- 14f. I would recommend my program to others.
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Disagree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Agree
 - ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Not applicable
 - ☐ Unsure



Demographics

15. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
- ☐ No, not Hispanic or Latino
 - ☐ Yes, Hispanic or Latino
16. What is your race? Check all that apply.
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - ☐ Asian Indian
 - ☐ Black or African American
 - ☐ Cambodian
 - ☐ Chinese
 - ☐ Filipino
 - ☐ Guamanian
 - ☐ Hawaiian
 - ☐ Hmong
 - ☐ Japanese
 - ☐ Korean
 - ☐ Laotian
 - ☐ Other Asian
 - ☐ Other Pacific Islander
 - ☐ Samoan
 - ☐ Tahitian
 - ☐ Vietnamese
 - ☐ White
17. What is your gender identity?
- ☐ Female
 - ☐ Male
 - ☐ Nonbinary
 - ☐ Decline to state
18. Do you consider yourself to be:
- ☐ Heterosexual/Straight
 - ☐ Gay or Lesbian
 - ☐ Bisexual
 - ☐ Not sure
 - ☐ Other
 - ☐ Decline to state